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1. FOLLOWING IS A MORE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCING ARGENTINA'S
INVITATION (THROUGH ADMIRAL MONTES) TO THE INTER-
AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, PORTIONS OF WHICH
WERE EXCERPTED IN REFTEL:

"THE OBJECTIVE (FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES') MEETING
(WITH THE IAHR) WAS TO FORMALIZE THE GOVERNMENT'S
OFFER -- WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE
DIALOGUE WHICH HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE CONCERNING THE
CURRENT STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR COUNTRY -- TO
GO DEEPER INTO THIS QUESTION (IN ORDER TO) VERIFY
THE PREVAILING JURIDICAL/LEGAL CONDITIONS ON THE SPOT.
"ON RECEIVING THIS OFFER, THE COMMISSION, THROUGH
ITS PRESIDENT, DR. ANDRES AGUILAR, UNDERLINED ITS
GOOD DISPOSITION AND ITS INTENTION TO GIVE DETAILED
CONSIDERATION TO THIS OFFER.

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"AS IS UNDOUBTEDLY EASILY CONFIRMABLE BY VIRTUE
OF MY (MONTES') VERY PRESENCE HERE, THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT PLACES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE ON THE
MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE COLLABORATION (AND) A
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMISSION. THIS IS
NECESSARY AND CONVENIENT FOR THE BETTER FULFILLMENT

OF THE CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH, IN
RELATION TO OBSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, PERTAIN TO THE
COMMISSION AND EACH GOVERNMENT. IN THIS CASE, WE
ARE PLEASED BY THE GOOD DISPOSITION DEMONSTRATED
BY THE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE
WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT SITUATION IN ARGENTINA
(WHICH IS) CHARACTERIZED BY THE APPLICATION OF
EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES WHICH HAD TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE
EXERCISE OF LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF DEFENSE FROM
TERRORIST ATTACKS

"IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DIALOGUE AND WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE
CHARTER OF THE OAS, MY GOVERNMENT OFFERS THE INTER-
AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION THE OPPORTUNITY TO
ENTER MORE DEEPLY INTO THE QUESTION THROUGH THE
MEANS OF A VISIT TO ARGENTINA WITH THE PURPOSE
OF VERIFYING THE JURIDICAL/LEGAL CONDITIONS
EXISTING IN THE COUNTRY."

2. TODAY'S CLARIN (JUNE 22) REPORTS THAT THE
IAHRC MAY RESPOND TO ARGENTINA'S INVITATION
TODAY.
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